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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSFERRING INFORMATION
BETWEEN A PRINTER PORTION AND A REPLACEABLE PRINTING
COMPONENT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Inkjet printers frequently make use of an inkjet printhead mounted within a carriage that is moved back and forth across print media, such as paper. As the printhead is moved across the print media, a control system activates the printhead to deposit or eject ink droplets onto the print media to form images and text. Ink is provided to the printhead by a supply of ink that is either carried by the carriage or mounted to the printing system and does not move with the carriage. For the case where the ink supply is not carried with the carriage, the ink supply can be in fluid communication with the printhead to replenish the printhead or the printhead can be intermittently connected with the ink supply by positioning the printhead proximate to the filling station whereupon the printhead is replenished with ink from the refilling station.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one exemplary embodiment of a printing system 10 of the present invention shown with its cover open. The printing system 10 includes a printer portion 12 and one or more replaceable printing components 14 installed therein. The printer

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